

REMARKS

Claims 2, 6-12, 39, and 43-55 are presently pending in the case. Reconsideration of the present case in view of the above amendments and the remarks herein is requested.

Claim rejections under judicially created doctrine of Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 30 of U.S. Patent 6,433,040.

To expedite prosecution of the present case, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. It is requested that the double patenting rejection be removed in view of this disclaimer.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is filing under separate cover an information disclosure statement in compliance with MPEP section 609. Indication of consideration of the references provided is requested.

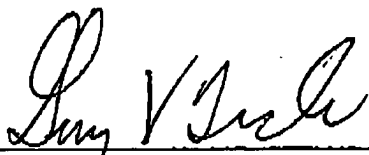
Conclusion

The claims are allowable for the reasons given above. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the present rejections and allow the presently pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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